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A.—(a) & (c) to (f) The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

(b) No. The effects of the recent reduction of fees from Rs. 20 to Rs. 15 will be watched before a further reduction is considered.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Land Revenue

Villagewar list of Government waste lands according to the Tanjore resettlement report.

1794 Q.—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) will the Government be pleased to call for and lay on the table a villagewar list of the area of the Government waste lands with their taram, and present acreage market value according to the Tanjore Resettlement Report, and the acreage value as per recent sales and lease transactions of adjacent patta lands between the ten years 1918-27; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to state the amount awarded to the parties on the average acre of wet and dry lands acquired for canal excavation by the Special Deputy Collectors?

A.—(a) The Government do not understand the question. The Tanjore Resettlement Report was written in 1920 and it therefore cannot contain information as to present market values nor does it contain villagewar lists of Government waste lands.

(b) Assuming that the question refers to land acquired in Tanjore district for the Mettur Project canals, the information has been called for.

Legislative

Representation of Viswakarma community in the Legislative Council.

1795 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government has not given any representation of the Viswakarma community in the Legislative Council as formed in 1923 and 1926;

(b) whether in 1923 a promise was held out to that community that when vacancies arise in the Council the question would be considered favourably;

(c) whether the Government have received both in 1923 and 1926 memorials and monster petitions from East Godavari and other districts requesting the appointment as a Member of the Legislative Council of M.R.Ry. Paudit Ganala Ramamoorthy Garu;

(d) whether his name was recommended by the District Collector for nomination to the Legislative Council; and

(e) if the answers to (c) and (d) are in the affirmative, what is the action the Government has taken or propose to take thereon?

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- A.—All representations received on the subject have been duly considered. The Government are not aware of any promise such as that suggested in clause (b). Nominations to the Legislative Council are at the discretion of His Excellency the Governor.

Civil Justice

Proposal to entrust the service of summonses to vakils.

1796 Q.—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that several Bar Associations have protested against the proposal of the Government to entrust the preparation and service of summonses to vakils; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will drop the proposal?

- A.—(a) & (b) The Government are aware that objections were raised against the introduction of the scheme relating to the preparation of processes by pleaders. But this scheme is based on the recommendation of the Civil Justice Committee and the object is to avoid delay in the preparation of processes in courts.

Vakils have not been entrusted with the service of processes.

Public Health

Construction of piecemeal drainage system in Kumbakonam.

1797 Q.—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakonam, applied for permission for the construction of piecemeal drainage system in the wards where lands had been already acquired for the purpose?

(b) whether any permission was granted for the same, and if not, why not?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Standing Order No. 40.

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider my amendment to Standing Order No. 40, and I beg it may be considered. Since the report has been circulated among the hon. Members of the House I request the report be taken as read."

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is that the report be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried.